

Monroe Street Engagement Resource Team Meeting Notes

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| Date: August 9, 2017 | Time: 5:00-6:00pm |
| Location: Barriques, Monroe Street | Recorded by: Zia Brucaya, Urban Assets |
| Attendees: Aaron Williams, Robbie Webber, Mary Campbell, John Imes, Christy Bachmann | |

| Agenda Item | Discussion | Follow-up |
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| Crazylegs Plaza & Wingra Park Entrance Re-Design Project | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The workshop last night went well. About 15 in attendance. Desire to re-align the bike path to open up more usable space. Interest in more seating, small performance space, lots of greenery, and abstract mosaic art that might weave through functional spaces (e.g., seating, walkways, etc.). Still hard for some people to imagine what could be, beyond what exists. - Look to lessons from successful pocket parks around Madison. There is a space at King and Butler that is very tiny, yet feel private and enjoyable even at this busy intersection. There is also a little cutout park on Wilson, just past the water utility "plaza." Introduce an element of mystery, but balance with safety. - The next meeting on 9/14 will be the final time to provide substantive input on the design of both Crazylegs Plaza and the Wingra Park entrance. Design options for both projects will be shown and participants will be asked about what they like and don't like. - Ken will bring design options to the ERT meeting the day prior. | |
| Final Monroe Street Corridor Design Meeting | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Agenda will include a presentation of the final proposed corridor design, which will then be submitted for review by City boards and commissions. Presentation and Q&A will be followed by an open house. - 64 registered so far - The City will try to get designs out early so that people have a chance to review prior to the meeting. - There has been an active discussion on Next Door regarding the Gregory Street reconstruction. - After approval of the plans, the City will hold meetings with property owners about the final assessments. - The City is currently debating whether to go with one contractor or two. Either way would not impact the project timeline. The advantages of having two are that bids could be lower and smaller contractors would be able to bid; the disadvantages include having two groups to deal with, and potentially having a project that is so large that only an outside contractor who may be less familiar with working in Madison can bid on. | <p>Zia: Forward public mtg info to ERT to re-send. Get bus stop update from Tim.</p> <p>Christy: Share updated corridor plan when ready.</p> |
| Public-Private Partnership Opportunities | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ben recommended that the City reach out to Colectivo regarding a rain garden at the intersection of Sheldon that was recently re-configured. Colectivo has been very interested and responsive to similar projects in Milwaukee. | |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Associated Bank has offered support for Crazylegs Triangle in the form of maintenance for at least 10 years. Also possibly support with the construction budget if there is a better design option that the City would be unable to fully fund. | |
| <p>Housekeeping</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ERT member announcements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Monroe Street Merchants Association will be piloting the use of parking spaces during the Monroe Street Festival, September 15-16. The third Friday of every September is designated as international PARKing Day, so there is great overlap. Businesses will use chalk, wood decking and astroturf. The project will be called Monroe Street Meet & Eat. o May be an opportunity to gather more input on the potential Crazylegs Plaza and Wingra Park designs. o A marketing person for the merchants will be hired within the next 2-3 weeks. - Next ERT meeting: September 13, 5:00-6:30PM, Barriques. Crazylegs and Wingra design options will be shared. | <p>Zia: Look into design boards for Monroe Street Festival.</p> |